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### **Oak Ridge Company Receives Workplace Safety Award** *Manufacturing Sciences Corporation Best of the Best in Safety*

**NASHVILLE** – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Deputy Commissioner Bob Henningsen, on behalf of Governor Phil Bredesen, today awarded Manufacturing Sciences Corporation in Oak Ridge, the **Volunteer STAR Award**. The **VOLUNTEER Safety through Accountability and Recognition (STAR) Award** is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health and a nationally recognized program.

Deputy Commissioner Henningsen congratulated Manufacturing Sciences employees during the ceremony held at the Oak Ridge company. "The evaluation criteria for the STAR award are ambitious. Manufacturing Sciences Corporation has worked conscientiously in trying times to meet and exceed the rigorous standards the award requires," said Henningsen.

Manufacturing Sciences Corporation (MSC) began operations in 1985 and manufactures various products from depleted uranium for medical, military and other applications. MSC is a secure facility due to the presence of radioactive material (RAM) on-site in the form of depleted uranium. In the past 3 years, Injury and Illness rates have remained at less than half of the industry average for this type of operation. The facility operated all of 2002 without a single lost time or restricted duty case.

"Maintaining the STAR award is a great accomplishment, considering the major changes at MSC," said MSC General Manager David Brown. "Two years ago we shut down our recycling division.

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During those two years, we have successfully reshaped our company into a specialty manufacturing facility meeting the needs of our customers at the National Laboratories, and in the aerospace, medical, and nuclear industries. Our workforce has been the key to this success by maintaining high standards of safe performance."

The main objective for participation in the STAR program is the improvement of a company's safety and health program, which helps reduce accidents and injuries. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of three years. TOSHA consultants work with companies through the internal and external review that is part of the application process.

For more information on the VOLUNTEER STAR Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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